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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Roberto Rábago

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. An application in which the benefits of an earlier application are desired must contain a specific reference to the prior application(s) in the first sentence of the specification of in an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(5)). The specific reference to any prior nonprovisional application must include the relationship (i.e., continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) between the applications except when the reference is to a prior application of a CPA assigned the same application number.

Applicants have submitted an Application Data Sheet, and therefore no priority statement as the first sentence of the specification is required. However, if such a claim is present, it must be accurate. Accordingly, the amended priority claim statement set forth as the first sentence of the specification is objected to because it fails to meet the requirements set forth above. Specifically, it does not state the relationship between the instant application and 09/672,612, and incorrectly identifies 10/359,336 as a divisional application. The simplest resolution to this issue is to cancel both the preliminary amendment to the specification and the section "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" as originally filed at page 1 of the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 26-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

(a) Claim 26 (and claims 27-39 as dependent thereon) recites in part (7) " ... the α -olefins generated from the active ethylene oligomerization catalyst" (underlining added for emphasis) and this phrase is drafted in a manner which implies that olefins have been oligomerized in a previous method step which is included in the claim (such as that recited in step (2) of cancelled claim 1). However, the text of claim 26 includes no previous oligomerization step, and therefore it cannot be determined whether the method includes an oligomerization step. Applicants' remarks filed 9/10/2003 have been considered, and the following is noted. First, contrary to applicants' remarks, the claim states neither that the oligomers are introduced from outside the reactor nor that they are not formed in-situ. Second, the remarks do not address the issue of whether or not the claims include an oligomerization step. The fundamental ambiguity of whether or not the claims are intended to include an oligomerization step precludes a properly focused search and consideration of the prior art at this time, including the references cited on the IDS filed 9/10/2003.

(b) Claim 26 (and claims 27-39 as dependent thereon) are indefinite in that it cannot be determined whether "the α -olefins generated from the active ethylene oligomerization catalyst" of component (7) are the same as or in addition to those set forth in component (6). If the same monomers are being specified, it would appear that

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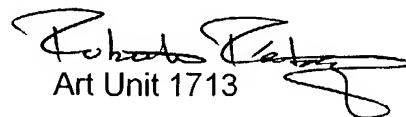
a more simple and clear phrasing would state in component 7: "the α -olefins of component (6)".

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberto Rábago whose telephone number is (571) 272-1109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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